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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, July 7th, 1900.

The present is ever the child of the past, and the momentary state of affairs at Peking is no exception to the rule, and comes as a logical sequence to the mistakes of the allied Plenipotentiaries during the march of the troops to the capital in 1860. Forty years is a long time to tarry for a cause, yet it has to be remembered that the present is only the rerudescence of a fire that all the time has been smouldering beneath the surface, and which from time to time has flared up and with difficulty been more or less covered up, until it was once extinguished. On the 18th September, forty years ago, Mr. PARKER, Col. WALKER, Mr. THOMSON, Mr. LOCH, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. BOWDIE, who had been at Tung-shou arranging with the Imperial Commissioners for the conference with the English and French plenipotentiaries preparatory to the signature of the treaty of peace, were returning to the Headquarters of the forces at Hsia-ku, when they were treacherously set upon and captured by the Chinese forces under the command of Prince Tsai, one of the Imperial Princes, and SANGOLINER, a Mongolian of high rank. These gentlemen and their escort, though proceeding under a flag of truce, were seized and deliberately tortured in the presence of the Chinese in an inhuman manner that but five of the entire number of twenty-six were found alive when the party was some days afterwards recovered. At the same time that the outrage occurred it was discovered that the intended camping-place for the troops, which had been arranged by consent with the Chinese Commiss-

sioners, was designed as an ambuscade, and was covered by the concealed artillery of the enemy, who had, moreover, set a large force in such a position as to enfilade the foreign troops as soon as they had set up their camp. This outrage, owing to the weakness of Lord ELGIN, the British Plenipotentiary, was never punished. The allied troops, indeed, marched up to Peking and occupied the Anting Men, and encamped upon the walls in the immediate neighbourhood, but the Chinese then held, and ever since have held, Lord ELGIN through fear of the majesty of the Son of Heaven could not proceed further, but begged a truce from the clemency of the Emperor. On the other hand the armies who hesitated to inflict the punishment due for a crime, up to that almost without parallel, themselves descended to the barbarism of burning and looting the Summer Palace, an outrage against civilisation itself. Lord ELGIN's broad scratch is an illustration of the weakness of the man to whom at a critical time was entrusted an important mission. "I cannot believe," he says, "that after the experience which SANSOLINER had already had of our superiority in the field, either he or his civil colleagues could have intended to bring on a conflict, in which, as the event has shown, he was sure to be worsted." Lord ELGIN had been sent out to punish the Court at Peking for its breach of faith at Taku. It was true he was instructed not to exercise merely vindictive measures, and this instruction he twisted into a condonation of every insult and breach of faith. Those who will take the trouble of going deeper than the Blue Books of the day, will find that the Minister's conduct was universally condemned by all who were not hampered by official duty into expressing a qualified approval. It was notorious that Lord ELGIN, who had been received with open arms by the British community at Hongkong on his arrival, was well content on his departure to slip away without public notice. Lord ELGIN was succeeded by his brother, Sir FREDERICK BRUCE, who, aided by the late Sir THOMAS WADE, carried out to perfection the supposed policy of conciliation, really of submissiveness. For years there was a breach between the British Legation at Peking and the British residents at the ports and Hongkong, and the minutes of almost every important public meeting held for many years in any part of China will show how real was that breach. We do not desire to open in any way the old sore, but it is instructive to notice how entirely the fears of the residents have been borne out by the result. It is difficult to move from its settled and deliberate course a body so weighty and important as the Foreign Office, and it is well that while individual chiefs may make their policy fail, on the whole the Foreign Office represents the nation, whatever Ministries rise or fall. No other course, indeed, is compatible with our stability as a nation; but the knowledge of all this lays a more important responsibility on those whose duty it is to inform the Office. Had a better appreciation of this fact dawned upon the administration during the early years between 1860 and 1880, we should not now have to submit to the inevitable disgrace of having our Minister confined as a prisoner in that Peking, to save whose "face" we in 1860 permitted ourselves to accept the part of special pleader. A mistake, and the witty Frenchmen, it was, that a crime, and certainly the innumerable though weak blunder of Lord ELGIN, after the affair at Hsia-ku, has shown that in this respect the instincts of the communities in China was a more correct guide than the desire to shift off responsibility encouraged by our Foreign Department.

In the 24 hours preceding noon yesterday there were reported ten fresh cases of plague and twelve deaths.

Three men charged with piracy near Castle-pool were yesterday committed for trial by Mr. Hazlitt. Evidence was produced to show that they were part of a gang of men who attacked the *Towm Sun*, while on her way to Canton. \$1,000 worth of opium and \$1,000 in money being stolen.

The Band of the Hongkong Government will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The programme is—March: "Soldiers in the Park"; "Monotonous Overture"; "Mossop's"; "After School"; "Gentlemen's Society"; "After-Dinner Music"; "Mazette"; "Circus".

Six Chinese were own property in the city were before Magistrate yesterday charged with committing a breach of the new Ordinance to backyard. Senator Inspector L. E. Brett stated that no punishment had been inflicted in the magistrates warning the owners of what would follow their neglecting to provide backwards for the animals. There were 16 houses in question, and the sum of \$15 for each house was imposed, and the work was ordered to be completed within a fortnight. His Worship informed the defendants that the Sanitary Board would tell them exactly what is wanted.

The Peiping Municipal Commission on the 26th ult. unanimously passed a vote for \$200,000 for lighting the town by electricity.

The Telegraph Companies informed us yesterday evening that communication with Port Arthur, Newchwang and Takuwan via Fusan is interrupted.

Early in June the Argonaut, protected cruiser, completed her repairs at Sheerness, and was ready to resume her trials. She left for her final trial before sailing for China.

H.M.S. *Plover* left Hongkong yesterday afternoon for Woosung, and the *Hawkins* (with stores) for Taku. The transport *Neruidha*, with part of the 7th Bengal Infantry, is expected to-morrow.

The Government of India have informed the Bengal Chamber of Commerce that the Secretary of State has just completed the purchase of another half-a-million sterling worth of silver for coining of rupees.

Lord SALISBURY, speaking last month at a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, at Easter Hall, enjoined the Missionaries to act with extreme caution, as execution in Mohammedan countries might light a flame which would be hard to suppress.

A London correspondent states that six Japanese naval officers will arrive at Marseilles on 10th inst. to take over the gunboat *Taku*, which has been constructed for the Japanese Government. The Minister of Marine has given permission to the officers to visit the Government Arsenal at Toulon.

Orders were issued directing the composite gunboat *Rattler*, Com. the Hon. G. A. Hardinge, to be paid off at Sheerness Dockyard on her arrival from the China Station. The *Rattler*, which has served nine years on the China Station, is to undergo an extensive overhaul and repair in readiness for another term of foreign service.

A London correspondent of the *Times of Ceylon* telegraphed on the 26th ult.—The appointment of the new Commander-in-Chief of India has been ratified. I have it on the highest authority that Lord KITCHENER is the officer selected. The selection has given much satisfaction in military circles, as the appointment is looked upon as a reward for splendid services in South Africa, thoroughly and unobtrusively done.

It appears that H.M. gunboat *Salisbury* reached the foot of the big rapid some 100 miles above Wu-chow. Whilst waiting there for the river to rise she was recalled by telegram on account of the threatening state of affairs in the *Taku*. Both the *Sandwich* and the *Elbow* are now at Wu-chow and it is unlikely that any further attempt will be made to reach Nanking this year. Most missionaries have been called in from the country. One arriving yesterday from Nanking reported all quiet there. There has been some slight disturbance in the Szechuan neighbourhood recently.

Four German shipbuilding yards are now engaged on contracts for the Russian Navy. A cruiser with a displacement of 6,000 tons is on hand at Stettin; another, with a similar displacement, is on hand at Kiel; a third, with a displacement of 3,000 tons, is in course of construction at Danzig; and four torpedo-boat destroyers are being built at Elbing. The Russian Minister of Marine proposes to introduce the Popoff system of wireless telegraphy into the Russian Navy. The whole of the Black Sea Fleet will be provided with the system next summer.

The cook and the carpenter of the *Lizard* appeared at the Magistrate yesterday charged with attempting to steal two Chinamen away. One of the officers informed the police that he had found on board a couple of Chinamen who had no right to be there, and who were evidently stowaways for Manila. As the Chinamen in Manila are severe he asked the judge to sentence the offenders. It would appear that the man had paid the cook and carpenter a certain amount to stow them away. The defendants were remanded.

The *N.C. Daily News* of the 26th ult. A serious accident happened on board the steamer *Vigilant* on Saturday afternoon while en route to Woosung with passengers for the Empress of India. These passengers have an injury of the saloon, in which there is a hatchway; this hatched up on the present occasion seems to have been only partially covered, and Mr. D. R. Crawford, of Hongkong, a passenger, fell down it. When he was got up he was unconscious and had one finger broken off his ear. He was brought to Shanghai as soon as possible, and taken to the General Hospital, and we are glad to know that he was better, having recovered consciousness yesterday morning.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 5th inst., and left again at 7 p.m. for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 7 a.m. on Saturday, the 7th July.

Beefsteak (meat cut into narrow strips and sun-dried) is valued by the Boers in proportion to its hardness, and often has to be cut with a carpenter's plane. It is considered an excellent meat to sit round while this operation is in progress and sharpen the shavings before the cook has time to sear them. Some hitting found His Worship informed the defendants that the Sanitary Board would tell them exactly what is wanted.

## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

## THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

SHANGAI, 6th July, 10.32 p.m.

## THE USURPER ORDERS A MARCH ON NANKING.

Prince Chun has ordered Yuan Shih-kai to march with 18,000 troops to capture Nanking.

## NO NEWS FROM PEKING SINCE JUNE 25.

There has been no authentic news received from Peking since the 25th ult.

## SZECHUAN REMAINS STAUNCH.

The Szechuan Viceroy seems satisfied to the Yangtze Viceroy's agreement.

## GREAT BATTLE REPORTED AT TIENTSIN, DESPERATE STATE OF THE TOWN.

The Chinese report a big battle at Tientsin and a heavy Chinese loss. Tientsin is heavily invested. Food is scarce. The Peiho River, the only water supply, is full of dead bodies.

## THE PEKING MASSACRE—OFFICIAL DENIAL.

At 8 A.M. last night we were courteously informed from Government House that, on receipt of the report of the massacre of the whole body of Europeans in Peking, H. E. the Governor had telegraphed at once to the Acting Consul-General at Shanghai to enquire whether the report was correct that official news to this effect had been received in Shanghai. The answer came back that the report was not true.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 6th July.

## MOROCCO.

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## GERMANY AND THE CHINA CRISIS.

The Emperor has ordered a naval division to prepare to proceed to China. German transports with 2,000 Marines have sailed for China. The Emperor witnessed their departure, which was the occasion of a patriotic demonstration.

A German brigade of all arms, composed of volunteers from the Army, is being formed for service in China.

The Emperor, addressing the Marines before

leaving, said that a crime of horrifying horrid demands vengeance, and that he would not rest until the German and the allied flags planted on the walls of Peking.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

General Haig, who has crossed the Vaal, is nearing Frankfort, which is a Boer supply point. General Macdonald's brigade from Heilbron will join him.

## INDIA.

The rainfall in India is causing anxiety.

## THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

## MORE REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE CHINA SQUADRON.

The China Squadron is to be strengthened immediately by the addition of three ships from the Australian Stations. These boats are the *Lizard*, *Mallard*, and *Waller*. The *Lizard* is a 1st class gunboat built in Britain in 1886 at a cost of £10,000. Her displacement is 716 tons, indicated horse power 1,000, armament 6.4 in. quick-fires, eight 3 p.m. 2 muzzle-loaders, one light gun, four torpedo-tubes; speed 15 knots. The *Mallard* and *Waller* are 3rd class gunboats built at Glasgow and Elswick respectively in 1886 and 1889. The *Mallard*'s figures are: displacement 1,770 tons; horse power 1,000; armament 6 in. quick-fires, eight 3 p.m. 2 muzzle-loaders, one light gun, 4 torpedo-tubes; speed 16 knots. The *Waller*'s gun-position armament is 3 in. in deck and 2 in. deck-armour 2-1; the other boats are unarmoured.

## THE DEFENCE OF MACAO.

rumours are circulating in Macao that the *Don Carlos* and *Admirador* with three additional gunboats are erected soon from Lisbon to reinforce the Naval Station of Macao, and that the transport *Africa* is bringing troops and ammunitions.

Target practice has been conducted very successfully, especially with the new guns lately bought from Japan. The shooting has proved very accurate. It is said that Captain Lourenco of Macao has been directing the artillery practice.

## AN IMPERIAL DECREE.

The following Decree, for the translation of which we are indebted to the N.C. Daily News, was issued on the 26th ult. and reached our contemporary via Helambu.

The *Tu Ho Chuan* and people inside Peking and the vicinity, have of late, in their animosity against the Christians, oppressed themselves also against foreigners. Churches have been daily burned down and Christian converts massacred. These disturbances have indeed spread now to such a degree that it is difficult either to dispel these people peacefully or to suppress them. In consequence of this, therefore, foreign troops are pouring into Taku and Tientsin, and assembling in great numbers, and fighting between China and foreign countries has now come to a head. It is impossible at the present moment to foretell what will be the end of all. Now the Viceroys and Governors of the various provinces have all received the rich bounties of the Throne, and our relations with each other have always been kind and affectionate; as between kindred, and now that the empire has come to such a point it ought to be their bounden duty to do what they can to save the empire. Let them units now upon ways and means with regard to the three important questions of selecting military officers of ability, assembling trained soldiers, and the collection of money for that purpose; they should devise as to the best means of protecting the empire and prevent outsiders from satisfying their greed in China; and they should decide as to the methods by which Peking can be saved and proven; those in the Palace from being besieged. The Viceroys and Governors of the Yangtze and Maritime provinces must also look to the safety of their territories—territories that have been longingly viewed by foreign nations. This is most important; and if these high officials still persist in their indifference to be up and doing they will daily endanger the safety of the empire more and more, causing destruction unspeakable. The safety of our empire depends upon the Viceroys and Governors alone, and it should be their duty to unite and restore peace. The situation now is most pressing and we earnestly hope to see you all obey our commands. Let this decree be sent by courier at the rate of 600 li a day. Haste, haste! That all may know these our commands.

THE THIRD PARAGRAPH SAYS:—"The Lisbon Government has finally done justice to Macao by having these two worthy officials replaced into their post." The Governor indeed may think so, but the general public knows well whether this is true or false.

As for the last paragraph, "Great precaution, etc.", perhaps the writer is one of those lucky persons that have one or two policemen in their house. But the public every moment is urging that, though things look so serious, they are no proper precautions taken yet. Perhaps the writer means that the daily firing of the guns will impress respect and fear on those mischievous Chinese?

"At present everything is quiet," says your correspondent. We hope it always will remain so, for it is not what will become of us, having here in the Colony no sufficient force to guard us and our properties?

Does the writer state all he knows? I believe not, and I feel obliged to declare that when Senator Alvaro Ferreira was appointed Governor of the colony Senator Lello was at the same time appointed Secretary. The Governor knowing that requested the Minister to appoint another man for his Secretary, but then it was too late, because Senator Lello had already hastened to Macao. Senator Ferreira wanted to bring with him a private secretary, but thought that the Minister would not allow this. This is the reason why Senator Alvaro Ferreira asked to be exonerated. These are the facts of the case.

When Senator Lello came here he said repeatedly that in November he must go away. He came here to bring his wife to visit her family, etc., after that he must go. November or the end of October was supposed to be the time of Senator Ferreira's arrival, and therefore if the Governor were to say nothing the Secretary could continue in his post, if not, he might well say: "I said I came only for a short time. Now I must go." Now Senator Lello is a clever man. I enclose my card—Yours etc.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE GOLDEN TOOTHPAI.

BY J. MACLAUGHLIN CUMMING.

Editor of "Pursued by the Law," "The Angel of Death," "A Story of Justice," "The Will," "The Huntress," etc.

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CHAPTER XXV.

THE KESTEVEN.

Next day, at ten o'clock, Mrs. Kesteven sat half-asleep in an armchair in the drawing-room. Opposite to her was the man with the black patch. Mrs. Kesteven seemed happy and set. Indeed, she looked as if she had been sleeping. The man with the black patch looked surprised, as though a fresh shave and a cold bath had cleared him of his past sins; while Mrs. Kesteven's perfect smile, unchanged before her, still beamed from her cheeks, and slowly faded like a dream.

"Well, Peggy," said he, "from your own account, and you don't commonly tell the whole of yours, if you didn't get much from your Townshend."

"At the didn't get much change out of me," declared Mrs. Kesteven.

"I'm not so sure of that," said he. "You're such an idiot, Peggy, and so taken up with what men think of her, that he might have been having you on, just all the while without you knowing it—especially if he's the clever fellow you think him."

"He's clever than you are," she burst out, "and has become quite a hit with us."

"Ah," said he, smiling. "But Peggy can never do without her Charlie."

"And much good he does her!" said she. "Hasn't you finished eating yet, pretty?"

"Not quite," he answered, quietly.

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"I hope," he continued, setting his hat and gloves on a corner of the table. "I have not interrupted your breakfast?"

"Oh, no," said she. "I have finished, thank you. But," she added, with a touch of resentment, "I don't usually receive callers so early."

"And I," said he, with his peculiar sneer, "am seldom an early caller." But I was afraid of missing you!"

"Missing me?" said she, glancing at him with lack of understanding.

"You change your address so frequently, Mrs. Kesteven," said he, and still his smile flattered in provocation. "Last night it was Cromwell Street. This morning it is Bromley Road. By this afternoon it might have been something else."

"Is there any reason," she demanded, fuming up in ill-controlled defiance, "why I should let you know my changes of address?"

"None at all," he answered readily. "On the contrary, I doubt there is every reason why you should not."

The chamberlain, which she was torturing with the fingers of her left hand, lifted up her right. He stopped to scratch his bald head, and then wiped his hands on her apron.

"This is not his day, sir," she answered.

"But if you like to leave any message—"

"Would a message wait for him?" asked Townshend.

"Or should I give it to him?" asked he of his other address.

"It would be sent at once to his address," said the woman.

"What is his address?" inquired he, seeking to surprise an answer.

The woman looked at him with suspicion. "I don't tell you the honour of saying I was a man. I wonder which decoration is valid today, and which your real opinion?"

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"You insult me in my own house," she broke out, showing her hand on the back of the chair which she still held. "I hate you! I hate you! What do you want? What have you come for?"

"I have come," said Townshend, quietly. "For Mrs. Lomas."

"She has gone out," answered Mrs. Kesteven. "Very likely you can't find her; she will be with us again."

"Ah!" cried Townshend. "That will explain to you that I have good reason for doubly troubling you."

"I have forgotten something," said Jenny's little hostess.

"What does she mean?" she asked, handing back the copy of paper. "She is mad. How could she be sure up if she could go out to post that?"

"Evidently she did not post it herself," said Townshend; and he exhibited the envelope, in the bottom corner of which was written:

"Please post this."

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"Breath," said he.

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LONDON &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	-	S. Barcham
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	BENALDER	Brit. str.	-	C. K. McIlvish
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	MENELEAS	Brit. str.	-	Towell
LONDON VIA MANILA	PYRRUS	Brit. str.	-	Rosen
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	STENTOR	Brit. str.	-	Jackson
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	CALOJAS	Brit. str.	-	Bartlett
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	DARDANUS	Brit. str.	-	Stevens
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	BATEY	Brit. str.	-	H. Bleeker
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	SIDNEY	Fren. str.	-	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA S'PORE, &c.	KAMAKURA MARU	Fren. str.	-	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WITTENBERG	Ger. str.	-	CARLOWITZ & CO.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAVOIA	Ger. str.	-	CARLOWITZ & CO.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NURNBURG	Ger. str.	-	CARLOWITZ & CO.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBERIA	Ger. str.	-	CARLOWITZ & CO.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MARBURG	Ger. str.	-	CARLOWITZ & CO.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AFGHANISTAN	Brit. str.	-	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	ACABA	Brit. str.	-	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	ALBENGA	Ger. str.	-	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	L. SCHEFF	Amer. ship.	-	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED
NEW YORK	KINSHU MARU	Jan. str.	-	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.
VICTORIA, B.C. &c. VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	BERCONISIE	Brit. str.	-	O. & S. S. CO.
VICTORIA, B.C. &c. TACOMA & AMOY, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	-	TOYO KISEN KAISHA
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C. VIA MOJI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	MOMMOUTHSHIRE	Brit. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
POETLAND, OREGON, &c.	CHINA	Amer. str.	-	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	GAEIC	Brit. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	HONGKONG MARU	Jap. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
SAN DIEGO, &c. VIA FOOCHOW, KOBE, &c.	THEA	Brit. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	EASTERN	Brit. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	ROHILLA	Brit. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ROSETTA	Brit. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIENHSIN	Brit. str.	-	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
SHANGHAI	MIKE MARU	Jap. str.	-	P. & O. S. N. CO.
SHANGHAI	MALTA	Brit. str.	-	MELCHERS & CO.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIIGO & YOKOHAMA	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	-	DOUGLAS LAPERAIR & CO.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	KONIG ALBERT	Ger. str.	-	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	-	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	MAIDZURU MARU	Jap. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
AMOY	ANPING MARU	Brit. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
CEBU & ILOILO	SELLEROPHON	Brit. str.	-	SHEWAN TAMES & CO.
MANILA, DIRECT	ESMERALDA	Brit. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
MANILA	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	-	CARLOWITZ & CO.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	-	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	BISAGNO	Ital. str.	-	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
SAMARANG & SURABAYA	CHELTSEA	Brit. str.	-	
	HANGCHOW	Brit. str.	-	

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.	VESSELS ON THE BERTH		
July 5. ESTRICKDALE, British steamer, 2,408.	DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.		
July 5. E. Stewart, Amoy 4th July. General.	FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.		
July 5. DODWELL & CO., LTD.	THE Company's Steamship.		
July 5. HANOL, French steamer, 749. Pannier.			
July 5. HAIKHAN, R.N.E. 3rd July. General.			
July 5. MAIDZURU MARU, Jap. str. 667. Ogata.			
July 5. Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 4th July. General.			
July 5. M. B. KAISHA			
July 5. HERMES, Nov. stramer, 249. Jensen.			
July 5. HONGKONG 3rd July. Coal.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.			
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July 5. INDEPENDENT, German str. 871. Holtz.			
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July 5. KWANGTUNG CHINESE str. 1,502. Lincoln.			
July 5. CHANTON 6th July. General—CHINESE.			
July 5. MONGKUT, Burman str. 1,354. Barkers.			
July 5. BANGKOK 30th June. Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.			
July 5. PHRA CHOM KLAO, British str. 1,012.			
July 5. F. Fowler, Bangkok 27th July. Rice. &c.—			
July 5. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.			
CLEARANCES.			
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,			
6TH JULY.			
Elfrickdale, British str. for New York.			
Sambia, German str. for Saigon.			
Ariake Maru, Japanese str. for Amoy.			
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Hermes, Nov. str. for Canton.			
Chuanhan, British str. for Swatow.			
Arratoon Apear, British str. for Calcutta.			
Benevolus, British str. for Moji.			
DEPARTURES.			
July 5. LIENSHING, British str. for Canton.			
July 5. MILOS, German str. for Vladivostock.			
July 5. MERIONETHSHIRE, British str. for Nagasaki.			
July 5. HOIIHOI, French str. for Hoiihoi.			
July 5. PEKIN, British str. for Shanghai.			
July 5. FORMOSA, British str. for Swatow.			
July 5. SAVOIA, German str. for Yokohama.			
July 5. FRANZ, Danish barkentine for Manila.			
July 5. BENGOLE, British str. for Nagasaki.			
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July 5. TAICHOW, British str. for Bangkok.			
July 5. TAKSANGA, British str. for Swatow.			
July 5. PLOOIE, British gunboat, for Woosung.			
July 5. HINSANG, British transport, for W. Wei.			
VESSELS IN DOCK.			
ABERDEEN DOCKS.—KOWLOON DOCKS.—U.S.S. Monterey, Changsha.			
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Goodwin.			
SHIPPING REPORTS.			
The British steamer Phra Chom Kla, from Bangkok 27th June, had light variable winds and fine weather throughout.			
The German steamer Mongkut, from Bangkok 30th June, had fair weather, smooth sea and light variable winds from southerly direction from Cape Padarao to port. Bar. 29.70. Ther. 87.			
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Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.			
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Hongkong, 25th June, 1900.			

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FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-day, at Noon.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On or about 5th inst.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th Aug.
MELCHERS & CO.	To-day.
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 12th inst. at Noon.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst. at 1 P.M.
SHAW, SONES & CO.	On 13th inst. at Daylight.
CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 16th inst.
CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 7th Aug.
CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 26th Aug.
CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-day.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 12th inst. at Noon.
CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 17th inst.
CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 28th inst.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On about 11th Aug.
PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 18th inst.
O. & S. S. CO.	On 4th Aug.
TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 14th inst. at 4 P.M.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst. at 4 P.M.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th Aug. at 5 P.M.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On or about 15th inst.
P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 21st inst.
P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 11th inst. at 4 P.M.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst.
P. & O. S. N. CO.	Today, at 4 P.M.
MELCHERS & CO.	On or about 20th inst.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	Quick despatch.
PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	To-day.
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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEWS VIA CECILIA.

THE RELEASE OF THE GLOUCESTERS.  
CAPTURED AT NICHOLSON'S NECK.

London, June 19th.

After an incarceration lasting seven months and a half, the Gloucesters captured in the disaster at Nicholson's Neck have been liberated, and arrived at Pretoria to-day.

Although there has been some sickness among them, both officers and men look fairly fit after their long period of inaction.

Among the officers who have reported themselves at headquarters are—Major Humphrey, in command; Captains Wallace, Duncan, and Conner; Lieutenant Bryant, Nisbet, Davy, Breit, Know, Temple, Radice, Ingram, Short, Beasley, Mackenzie, Smith, Hill (Adjutant) and Gray.

MAINE INSURANCES.—China Traders have been paid at \$57 and Unions at \$362. Canals and Straits remain unchanged and without business. Quotations for the Northern Insurance are taken from the last Shanghai Circular.

INDIAN CONTINGENT TO LEAVE FIRST AFTER THE WAR.

London, 20th June.

It is reported at Bloemfontein that, as soon as the return of troops from South Africa begins the Indian Contingent will be the first to leave, and regiments comprising it will return to their respective stations in India.

UNEXPECTED ATTACK ON A RECONSTRUCTION TRAIN.

London, 20th June.

The action at Liemanskruif on the 13th, was an unexpected attack on the reconstruction train. It is officially reported that we lost 3 killed, 5 wounded, 50 missing, chiefly Sappers. These are the sole particulars that have reached London.

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The directors' report for the half-year ended March 31st last states—

Since the last report was issued four new 7,000 ton steamers have been contracted for with Messrs. Caird and Co., Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co., and Messrs. A. Stephen and Son. It may be of interest to state that during the last twenty years the company have added to the fleet new steamers at a total cost of £3,500,000. During the period of the war, the fleet has worked admirably and without delay of any kind.

Transport Services.—During the last few months twelve of the company's steamers have been employed, for longer or shorter periods, as transports in connection with the war in South Africa, and their work has been throughout satisfactory. At the present time, five steamers are still under Government charter.

Italian Mail Contract.—As anticipated in the last report, this contract has been terminated and the company's connection with the port of Venice, which began about thirty years ago, has come to a close. Notwithstanding a considerable subsidy paid by the Italian Government, the trade of Venice was not adequate to the support of a remunerative service.

Income Tax.—Until recently this necessary depreciation was allowed by the Inland Revenue in estimating the profits on which the company were assessed for income tax—by a deduction of 5 per cent. per annum on the original cost of every ship—a percentage which practically covered the deficit between the first cost and the proceeds eventually realized on the sale of ships which had become useless for profit-making purposes in the company's business. Lately, however, the Inland Revenue authorities instituted a new departure, in which, unfortunately, they have been able to persuade the Income-tax Commissioners to follow them. Taking advantage of some ambiguity in the Income-tax Acts (which had hitherto undiscovered for half a century) the Inland Revenue authorities and the Income-tax Commissioners have dismissed the allowance of 5 per cent. on the original cost, and have substituted a percentage of 6 per cent. on the annual diminishing value, the effect of which is that instead of a ship's cost being written off at the end of twenty years, it would not disappear even after seventy years should have expired. This change of procedure is sought to be explained by some not very clear reasoning on the subject of interest which is theoretically supposed to be earned by the shipowner on his depreciation fund. It is, however, a well-known fact that in any ordinary shipping business no such interest practically accrues, but on the contrary that shipowners are compelled by the ever-varying conditions of trade, and the conditional improvements in ships and machinery, to build ships in anticipation of the funds, which they hope to lay aside from the current or future earnings of their fleet.

Employment of Indian Seamen.—Some political significance has recently been attempted to be given to the employment of Indian seamen on board British ships, and this company, in carrying out important mail contracts, has been singled out for animadversion because the law as prescribed by the Government of India for their own subjects differs from the Merchant Shipping Act of this country. The controversy may have some important results in its bearing alike on the employment of Indian seamen and on the peculiar conditions of the company's work. It seems important, therefore, to show that what may be the result, the action of the company has been in this, as in all other transactions, perfectly above board and straight-forward. For this reason the directors included in an appendix to this report, a letter addressed to the Board of Trade, inviting a competent legal decision and setting forth as briefly as possible the true facts of the case.

General Summary.—It may be said that throughout the period covered by this report, Eastern trade has been generally satisfactory. So far as China and Japan are concerned the business has been fairly identical in extent, with that of last year, while the Australian position shows improvement in various directions, although the wool export has not recovered from the decline caused by several seasons of excessive drought. The company's freight returns show therefore on the whole an advance over those of last year, notwithstanding the fact that our purely commercial lines have been occasionally interrupted owing to the demands of the Transport Services. There has not, however, been any interference with the regular work of the mail lines. Last year the passenger receipts attained the highest level they had ever reached, but the returns of the present year point to a considerable reaction in this branch of revenue.

Dividend.—The directors have much pleasure in recommending the payment of the usual interim dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred, and 7 per cent. per annum on the Deferred stock, which will be payable on and after June 19th.

In a letter to a friend, a whisky-manufacturer of Dundee (Scotland), says that on the 90th day of the siege of Ladysmith, a case of his "Barley Bree" whisky, containing twelve bottles, was put up to auction and realised the enormous sum of £145 sterling, probably the biggest price on record. The profit manufacturer observes, "Evidently the people in South Africa can appreciate a good thing."

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon says in his weekly share list, dated 6th July—The market has shown a little more activity during the week, and a fair business has been transacted in some stocks, notably Steamboats, Kowloon Wharf, and Lands. The crisis in the north however is still adversely affecting the market and general business is dull, with a tendency to somewhat lower rates.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have changed hands at 300 and 302 per cent. premium, sellers ruling the market at these rates for the whole week, and at time of closing shares on offer at \$301. The latest London quotation is £2310. Nationals remain unchanged with a small business at \$28 and \$27.

MARINE INSURANCES.—China Traders have been paid at \$57 and Unions at \$362. Canals and Straits remain unchanged and without business. Quotations for the Northern Insurance are taken from the last Shanghai Circular.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Both Hongkong and China continue very dull, with no sales to report.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been dealt in to some extent at \$832 and \$80 for each and at equivalent rates forward. market closing steady at \$30. Indo-Chinas have further receded to \$83 without business. Douglas continue on offer without bringing buyers into the market. China Mutuals (\$25 paid up) have been placed at 25 5s. and more are wanted. Preferences have also found buyers at \$21 and close in demand. Star Ferry's rate at \$17, with small sales and buyers.

REFINERIES.—Small sales of China Sugars are reported at \$120. Lascos continue unchanged and without business.

MINING.—Panjungs remain weak and neglected with but few sales at \$5.75. At time of closing shares are obtainable at the reduced rate of \$5.50. Olivers and Queens have been dealt in to some extent at quotations and a few Jeblebs have been placed at \$12 and \$11. Raubs have been enquired for in a small way at \$57, but few shares have been obtained at that rate, and the market closes with buyers at \$58. Great Easterns have found buyers at 40 cents. Charbonnages continue neglected with no sales.

DOCKS, WHARFS AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks remain quiet at \$520 sellers and no sales to report, and a point of two under that rate would probably be accepted. Kowloon Wharfs have been in favour and a fair business has been transacted at \$831, and \$84—new issue, market closing firm at \$84. Wan Chai unchanged with a small business. Amoy Docks have changed hands at \$21.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have been placed in fair lots at \$136, \$134 and \$137 ex and at \$161, \$161A and \$162 cum call of \$25. On time a few shares have changed hands at equivalent rates. Hotels after a long period of inaction have been in some demand, and small sales have been effected at \$123, \$124, \$125, \$126 and \$127; very few holders however care to part at these rates, as in anticipation of the interim dividend now nearly due, higher ones are expected. West Points have found buyers at \$47 and \$47. closing steady at \$47. Humphreys have been dealt in to a small extent at \$10.75 closing with further sellers at that rate. Kowloon Lands unchanged and without business.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong and Ewes are on offer locally at quotations. In the absence of local business in the other Northern Mills, quotations are taken from the latest Shanghai Circulars.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have been dealt in to a fair extent at \$204 and \$21, closing with sales and sellers at the former rate. China Horns still in demand but without business close at \$28. Watsons, Ices and Electrics have changed hands at quotations in small lots. China Providents have been placed at \$9.85 and more are obtainable at the rate. Universal Trading Co., shares (a Company registered on the 23rd May, last with a capital of \$1,000,000 in 50,000 shares of \$20 cash, 5 paid up) are quoted at par.

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N. LAZARUS,  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1900.

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Captain W. A. Evans, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900

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Hongkong, 7th July, 1900.

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HUGHES &amp; HOUGH

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Hongkong, 7th July, 1900.

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RANGES—200, 500 and 600 Yards.

MOWERAYS N. NORTHCOATE

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1900.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOUREABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship.

HANGCHOW.

Captain Pearce, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 12th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1900.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.

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AND STRAITS.

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Goods not cleared by the 12th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in my case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

A. M. MARSHALL,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1900.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 330.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF

GUTZLAFF LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the character of Gutzlaff Light has been changed. The new illuminating apparatus is Dioptric, Lighting-flashing, of the Third Order, showing one white flash every five seconds.

The new Lighthouse stands on the eastern end of the summit of the island, 133 feet N. 77° E., magnetic, from the Site of the old light; and the light, which is elevated 233 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 23.7 nautical miles.

The tower is a steel structure, 25 feet high, with a total height, from the base to the lantern vase, of 463 feet.

The tower is painted white.

Approximate position—

Latitude, ... 30° 45' 37" S.

Longitude, 122° 16' 13" E.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs.

A. M. BISBEE,

Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs.

Coast Inspector's Office.

Shanghai, 27th June, 1900.

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PORTLAND CEMENT

J. B. WHITE &amp; BROS

SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; CO.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1899.

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVATOR, OVEN-FAVRY, TEA-LEAVES, MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Queen's Road Central, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 12th July, 1900, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1900, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd June to the 7th July, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1900.

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THE WANOHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY LIMITED.

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of Four per cent. (One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th JUNE, 1900, will be PAID on application to the Registered Shareholders in the above Company, on SATURDAY, the 7th July, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 7th July, both days inclusive.

MEYER &amp; CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1900.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the Twenty-fourth day of March, 1900, the following Resolutions were passed—

1.—That in pursuance of the provisions of the Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March and since duly registered, the sum of \$1,279,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next to the Capital of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a Call be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all the Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay accordingly.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1900.

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OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL CALL of \$0.50 per Share has been made in respect of the "B" Shares in the above-named Company and that such CALL is PAYABLE to the General Managers on the 17th day of JULY next, at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &amp; SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1900.

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THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 9th day of JULY, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

F. H. MAY,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1900.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, NO. 327.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 9th day of JULY, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

F. H. MAY,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1900.

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By Command.

F. H. MAY,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1900.

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By Command.

F. H. MAY,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1900.

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By Command.

F. H. MAY,

**VESSELS ON THE BERTH.**  
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Hongkong, China and Japan, 14th June, 1900.

**BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.**

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL  
The Company's Steamship

"BENALDER." Captain C. K. McIntosh, will be despatched on or about the 15th July.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 15th June, 1900. 1445

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL  
The Company's Steamship

"MENEALAUS." Captain Towell, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th July.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1900. 1466

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.  
The Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU." Captain I. Sato, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th July, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1900. 1467

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.  
The Company's Steamship

"TIENTSIN." will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 6th July, 1900. 1468

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
The Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA." Captain Blundell, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout with the Electric Light and is supplied with a Refrigerating Chamber.

A doctor is carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN TOME'S & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th July, 1900. 1469

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA MANILA.  
The Company's Steamship

"PYREUS." Captain Reason, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th July.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1900. 1470

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.  
The Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA." Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1900. 1466

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE UNDERTAKING GENERAL AGENTS IN CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA in connection with Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s forthcoming service to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents for China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

**VESSELS ON THE BERTH.**

INCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

GAEIL (via Amoy, Shai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In-

land Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).

DOJO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In-

land Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).

OPTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In-

land Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FOR SATURDAY, July 14th.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ALEXANDRIA, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND IVERPLATE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FOR TUESDAY, Aug. 1st.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU."

Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 14th July, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan, 14th June, 1900.

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Company's Steamship

"BENALDER."

Captain C. K. McIntosh, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th July.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1900. 1445

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Company's Steamship

"MENEALAUS."

Captain Towell, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th July.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1900. 1466

**THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

The Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU."

Captain I. Sato, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th July, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1900. 1467

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Company's Steamship

"ACARA."

will be despatched for the above port on or about 15th July.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN TOME'S & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1900. 1447

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR CEBU AND ILILO.

The Company's Steamship

"KAIFONG."

Captain Pennington, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this twin screw Steamer.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1900. 1468

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Call at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN AND QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above port on THURSDAY, the 9th August, at 5 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, fresh Sea, throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is fitted throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and other routes.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th July, 1900. 1412

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA."

Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th July, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1900. 1466

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General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

**THE C.P.E. COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP**

"THE CHINESE."

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Hongkong, 13th July, 1900. 1466

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

**DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.**

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Royal Albert*, with the German Mail of the 11th June, left Shanghai on Wednesday the 1st instant, at noon, and may be expected here to-morrow.  
The *Hongkong Mail*, with the American Mail, dated San Francisco 14th June, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 10th instant.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

## TOP.

**PER DAY AND HOUR.**

Shanghai  
Swatow Amoy and Foochow  
Shanghai  
Singapore  
Fouochow, Shanghai, Weihai, Kobe, Yokohama,  
San Diego and San Francisco

Europe, &c., India via Takuoria  
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra postage 10 cents)

Complementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra postage 10 cents)

## By Rail.

Shanghai  
Swatow Amoy and Tsensui  
Europe  
Singapore, Penang and Batavia  
Samtsui and Wuchow  
Yokohama and Kobe  
Munich  
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta

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## By Sea.

Shanghai  
Swatow Amoy and Tsensui  
Europe  
Singapore, Penang and Batavia  
Samtsui and Wuchow  
Yokohama and Kobe  
Munich  
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta

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AMERICA, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KODE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

## TO-DAY.

Shoon Competition, Hongkong Rifle Association, 3 p.m.  
Sale, Wines and Spirits, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

## FRIDAY, 6th July.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Telegraphic Transfer 1/11; Bank Bills, on demand 1/11; Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2/0; Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/0; Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2/0.

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand 2.50; Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.55.

ON GERMANY.—On demand 2.00.

ON NEW-YORK.—Bank Bills, on demand 482; Credits, 60 days' sight 483.

ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer 149; Bank, on demand 149.

ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer 149; Bank, on demand 149.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, at sight 71; Private, 30 days' sight 72.

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 24 p.c. pm.

ON MANILA.—On demand 24 p.c. pm.

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 24 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 119.

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand 3 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 24 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 60; Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 924; Gold, LEAP, 100 fine, per tael 33; Bar Silver, per oz 287.

## OPUM.

Quotations are:—Allow're net to 1 catty.  
Malwa New \$880 to \$900 per catty.  
Malwa Old \$910 to \$920.  
Malwa Older \$930 to \$940.  
P. P. per wrapped \$870 to —  
Persian fine quality \$900 to —  
Persian extra fine \$950 to —  
Patna New \$950 to — per chest.  
Patna Old \$1,040.  
Bengal New \$935 to —  
Bengal Old \$9 —

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Mutta*, from Hongkong, from London, Lieut.-Comdr. Blunt, Rev. Good, Mr. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Howkins, Messrs. Wilson and Hunton, from Marseilles, Messrs. Thompson and Holycross, from Gibraltar, Mr. and Mrs. Ayerdo, from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe, Lieut. Cruckshank and Mr. Kilian; for Shanghai, from London, Mr. Moffat, Mr. Blunt, infant and two youths; from Singapore, Messrs. Otama, Nipijo, Kioka, Okasa, Tatsukawa, Sayaka, Kaido, Tshikawa, Mutsumi, Asac, Yamazaki, Shimotsuwa, Nahariko, Nahara and Oishi; for Yokohama, from London, Mr. Hajnos; from Suau, Mr. Hart, into DEPART.

Per *Bengal*, from Hongkong, for Bombay, Messrs. T. A. Rahim and J. M. Ollis; for London, Messrs. John Gonapole, R. J. Somers, M. Lopez and Mrs. Kendall; from Shanghai, for Penang, Mr. Getty; for London, Miss Sonner and Mr. A. Stephenson; from Yokohama, for Sydney, Mr. L. Deane; for London, Rev. Fether Moore.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.  
The Imperial German Mail steamer *Konig Albert*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 11th June, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 8th inst., at noon.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Bayera* left Kobe via Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Foochow on Sunday, the 1st inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 11th inst.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Nagasaki on Monday, 2nd July, for Hongkong via usual ports of call.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.  
The E. & O. steamer *Easter*, from Sydney, left Port Darwin on 29th ult. for Timor and Hongkong.

The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 20th ult.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.  
The steamer *Verao* left Suez on the 7th ult., and is expected here on or about the 7th instant.

The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 20th ult.

EXCHANGES.

FRIDAY, 6th July.

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## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

STATION	No. of Shares	Issue Price	Last Dividend	Current Quotations
<b>SHANGHAI</b>				
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$6,600	\$125	\$125	\$100 per cent. per share
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	10,875	25	21	21
Bank of Central & Japan, Ltd.	1,200	25	21	25
National Bank of China, Ltd.	10,500	25	28	28 for 1899
Bank of Farmers' States	20,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Marine Insurance	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
United Life Society, Ltd.	24,000	\$80	\$80	\$75 for 1898 and 30 for 1899
China Traders Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$80	\$80	\$80 for 1898
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Yangtze Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	25	25	25 for 1898
China Marine & General Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Pine Insurance	5,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Canton	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Guangzhou	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Amoy	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Sydney	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Taipei	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Japan	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Kodomo	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Pescadores	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Ginsling	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Shantung	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
Amoy	10,000	25	25	25 for 1898
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